

From: Ben Manilla
To: john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 6:17 PM
Subject: De-regulation

Dear Friends,

I have been a broadcast professional continuously since 1975. In 1991, I established Ben Manilla Productions in San Francisco (www.bmpaudio.com.)

Based on over 25 years of experience, I urge you not to allow further de-regulation of the radio industry. The only winners are the investors in large corporations. The losers are the American public.

De-regulation will only weaken our democracy.

Thank you,
J. Ben Manilla
President

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Ben Manilla
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From: Barbara Doyle
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 6:23 PM
Subject: FCC regulation

Please keep current regulations in place!

Barbara Doyle
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From: Bob Armstrong
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 8:19 PM
Subject: FCC changes

MCopps, I understand that on June 2nd there will be a final vote to possibly change the current "Broadcast ownership rules" to allow giant medias to have even bigger say on what can be aired across the nation.

It goes without saying that these anti-gun personalities will want to air their feelings only and stifle the feelings and works of pro-gun personalities. I as one, and as a group of fellow pro-gunners feel this would be utter kaos.

I, we, urge you to please not let this come to pass. Not just for gun rights, but for many things that could fall into the light and not be properly heard by the people. We all should be able to decide whether we want to do whatever it is we want to do. Without a panel swaying people by bias and unfair broadcasting.

Thank you
Sincerely, Bob Armstrong, gorilla@swko.net

From: John Polifronio
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 8:50 PM
Subject: Don't sell our Democracy

To Michael Copps,

I wish to register a strong condemnation of your rush to loosen the restrictions on the ownership of licenses for the airwaves. These airwaves belong to me and every other citizen, not the media conglomerates that wish to use them. By allowing the merging of television, radio and cable along with print, you are giving away the diversity that makes this country great. There are too few people controlling the news now and this will only increase the problem. No longer do you require proof that these groups actually provide public service on the air, they do not put on political discussions unless paid for, they do not attempt to bring all views to the public and most of the papers and stations have lost local ownership. In Los Angeles, the Times is owned by Chicago the LA Weekly, somewhere in Arizona. Every time a local paper becomes successful, some conglomerate that has no vested interest in my City is allowed to gobble it up. I protest this rush to vote in early June bypassing the strong public desire for you to slow down. Do not sell our democracy down the river to corporate greed. Three companies control 60% of the stations across this Country. These changes are wrong.

Susan Polifronio
Small business owner
Los Angeles

From: L A Moyer
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Mike Powell, Campaignlaw, FCC FCCINFO
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 11:37 PM
Subject: STOP THE DE-REGULATION OF FCC LICENSING

May 21, 2003

Federal Communications Commission

Attention:

Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov

CC: FCC COMPLAINTS fccinfo@fcc.gov
Elections and Political Candidate Matters: campaignlaw@fcc.gov

RE: DE-REGULATION OF FCC LICENSES TO BENEFIT CORPORATE TAKE-OVER OF THE MEDIA.

Chairman and Commissioners,

I object to the wholesale giveaway of FCC licenses to corporate mega media control and the fundamental abridging of our First Amendment Constitutional Right to a free press.

By allowing only a few corporations to buy, merge and hold licenses, you will be

1. **CENSORING INFORMATION:** You will be destroying anything that is now left of the airways that allow independent journalism and competition... and will, in effect, censor our basic right to legitimate news sources and a diversity of information that the American Public needs in order to make informed decisions at the local, state and federal level.

2. **LOCKING OUT LOCAL MEDIA:** Mega-media, like CLEAR CHANNEL, has locked out local news and programming to the detriment of citizens. This is CENSORSHIP AND DESTROYS THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS!

3. **ELIMINATING COMPETITION FOR ADVERTISING DOLLARS AND DESTROYING SMALL BUSINESSES WHO CANNOT AFFORD THE BIG ADVERTISING DOLLARS.** You will be placing small businesses at a financial disadvantage by not being able to compete with big business dollars for advertising by allowing a small number of corporations to set advertising prices... which will destroy small businesses!

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO BE EVEN CONSIDERING FURTHER DE-REGULATION: This is a shameless adjunct to the Patriot Act, CAPSS II and the intimidation of the public who would rise up against this administration AND a blatant attempt to keep any semblance of truth from an unsuspecting public. This last piece of the puzzle is just too much.

It is apparent that the Republican Right is **RUNNING THE TABLES** while it can, rolling back civil and workers rights, women's rights, environmental protections, education and destroying this government

fincially...and anything else it can do, including the unilateral military domination of the world and its oil, beginning with the Middle East and intimidating European nations, to benefit insider corporations. It's criminal and immoral!

THIS ADMINISTRATION IS WRAPPING ITSELF IN THE FLAG AND BURNING OUR CONSTITUTION.

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND YOU AT THE FCC SHOULD BE DEEPLY ASHAMED TO BE RUBBER STAMPING THE ELIMINATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT IN THIS WAY.

I appeal to your senses of morality and ethics, and your responsibility to the American people, to stop this insanity. Stop this corporate give-away!

Sincerely,

Lucille Moyer
San Jose, CA

From: JudyC1994@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 10:58 AM
Subject: Stop the rush to deregulate!

Dear FCC Commissioners:

PLEASE Stop the rush to deregulate!

Please remember that the American people own the airwaves. Broadcasters are supposed to use them to serve the public interest - not the interests of a handful of media moguls!

Sincerely,
Judith Campbell
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Houston, TX 77092

From: Andrew and Janice Smith
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 12:35 PM
Subject: FCC changes

Hello -

Please do not allow the changes that are being proposed to take place on June 2 that would relax regulations to the media and allow fewer companies to own more and more media outlets. This is a bad idea for our nation, our communities and our democracy!

We need much more public debate about these sweeping changes that would affect our society and our access to information for the future generations. There are many voices against these changes and there should be no rush to take such drastic measures before the public is FULLY informed and educated about the issues and can voice what should only be their choice in this matter.

I greatly appreciate the belated hearings being held around the country at the present time and the information being presented by Commissioners Copps and Adelstein. These hearings should continue and should be sponsored by the FCC to inform the public of what the changes will mean. Let's not make the same mistakes that happened to radio in 1996.

Thank you, Jan Smith

From: Stephen Wilson Sr
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 1:16 PM
Subject: Change

It is not in the best interest of the whole to change the rules so that a small few may have such incredible power. I hope that this is apparent and you will not change the rules so a few may dominate the media.

Thank you,

Stephen D. Wilson

From: Debi Stein
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 1:20 PM
Subject: Docket #02-277

Dear Commissioners,

I am extremely concerned about the media consolidation proposed in Docket # 02-277. I believe that the consolidation that has taken place since the early nineties has benefited the media owners at the expense of the general public. Media conglomerates owning multiple media outlets in a single market severely limits the number of voices and perspectives that are necessary in a free society. I urge you to curtail any further media consolidation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Deborah L. Stein
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From: Marc McGinnes
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 1:32 PM
Subject: Biennial review

Hon. Commissioners:

Like most informed Americans I am deeply concerned about the alarming consolidation of media ownership in the hands of a relatively few gigantic enterprises and the consequent loss of diversity and independence among media outlets. For that reason I strongly urge you to address this matter squarely and do all that is necessary from a regulatory standpoint to check and reverse this trend.

Specifically I urge you to uphold and strengthen the following rules:

- 1) The newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership ban that prohibits the combined ownership of a major newspaper and broadcast station in the same urban market.
- 2) The national television station ownership cap that prohibits any one entity from owning TV stations covering more than 35% of the national audience.
- 3) The dual network ownership rule that prohibits mergers among the four major television networks.
- 4) The television/radio cross-ownership rule, which limits the number of stations that can be jointly owned in any one market.
- 5) The local television duopoly rule that limits common ownership of television stations in the same market.
- 6) The local radio ownership rule that limits the number of radio stations any one entity can own in a single market.

I am also contacting my elected representatives to do urge them to do everything in their power to see that these rules are upheld and strengthened.

Thank you for attention to this vital matter of the public interest in preventing the monopolization of the media.

J.Marc McGinnes, J.D.
Attorney and Educator
Santa Barbara, CA

From: Mona D'Astarte
To: Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 2:07 PM
Subject: FCC

Dear Madam and Sirs:

I strongly object to the proposed FCC change that will allow the largest media corporations to buy more media outlets in a geographical region, thereby assuring that the range of voices over the public's airwaves will be fewer and more homogeneous. We are a diverse nation that needs as much diverse information, music and news as we can get. I understand the corporate pressure on you to make these changes and I urge you to oppose them.

Sincerely,

Mona D'Astarte
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From: Julie Kutz
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 2:38 PM
Subject: Please allow public comment

Dear Mr. Powell and Commission Members,

Please delay the rule change proposed to go into effect on June 2 that would allow for more monopoly ownership of media outlets and allow for public comment on the rule change proposal.

This is a monumental change that warrants public input. We have much to lose if the rule is changed. It would affect what we are able to listen to. Even though there are more media outlets there would fewer owners of these outlets therefore we will have less of a choice of what we can hear.

We the public own the airwaves and we have a right to have input into what is broadcast over them. I urge you to allow us to participate in such a monumental decision.

Sincerely

Julie Kutz

Albuquerque, NM

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Brad Blanton
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 2:50 PM
Subject: Oppose Media Mergers

May 22, 2003

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Please join with all your colleagues and act now to stop big media from getting even bigger.

Sincerely,

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From: Marty Feldman
To: Michael Copps
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Sincerely,

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From: Susanna Cooper
To: Michael Copps
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Sincerely,

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From: Amy Hornburg Heilveil
To: Michael Copps
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Sincerely,

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From: Berger Mayne
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmweb@fcc.org, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 2:54 PM
Subject: Keep Regulations in Place

Federal Communications Commissioners:

We request that the proposed changes to FCC regulations be denied. The current six regulations provide for multiple voices and opinions to be made public. It is imperative in a democracy that no one person or any corporation dominate our public air waves, which cannot, in fact, be owned.

Please vote to deny the changes.

Berger and Yolande Mayne, 113 Marshall St., Yellow Springs, OH 45387
Mary Letson, 420 N. Winter St., Yellow Springs, OH 45387

From: Linda Stewart-Oaten
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 3:07 PM
Subject: Oppose Media Mergers

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Sincerely,

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From: Brian Morse
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 3:07 PM
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Sincerely,

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From: Arno Behrsin
To: Michael Copps
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Sincerely,

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From: James Pryor
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 3:07 PM
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Sincerely,

James Pryor
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From: Tamra Rowland
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 3:09 PM
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Sincerely,

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From: mma66
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 3:14 PM
Subject: Biennial Review Proceedings

On June 2, 2003, the FCC holds its Biennial Review proceedings. I urge you to vote against further consolidation of media companies. All areas of the media need to provide local and diverse broadcasting. The public needs a wide range of viewpoints in news reporting. Consolidation of media companies will adversely affect the broadcasting available to the public.

Sincerely,
Mary M. Adolphson
Omaha, NE

From: Randall Grohman
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 5:19 PM
Subject: Oppose Media Mergers

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Sincerely,

Randall Grohman
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From: Leny Strobel
To: Michael Copps
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Sincerely,

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From: Patricia Krommer
To: tedewilliams@earthlink.net, Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 5:28 PM
Subject: Re: CHANGING EXISTING REGULATIONS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

Ted Williams has voiced my sentiments exactly. Patricia Krommer C.S.J.

>From: Ted Williams <tedewilliams@earthlink.net>
>To: mpowell@fcc.gov
>CC: kabernat@fcc.gov, mcopps@fcc.gov, kjmweb@fcc.gov, jadelste@fcc.gov
>Subject: CHANGING EXISTING REGULATIONS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 23:42:34 -0700
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>To mpowell@fcc.gov, kabernat@fcc.gov, mcopps@fcc.gov,
>kjmweb@fcc.gov, jadelste@fcc.gov (FCC Commissioners)
>
>Five giant corporations currently control most of the news and
>entertainment on television; four companies control 90% of U.S. radio, and
>almost all of our country's newspapers are owned by only 14 companies. The
>result is an obvious skewing of news coverage which is disastrous for a
>free flow of information.
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>I find it hard to believe that any American who cares about democracy and
>free speech could allow this monopoly to get even worse. Remember that you
>represent and work for the people of this country, not the special
>interests who would be the only beneficiaries of the considered regulation
>changes.
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>Please do not relax any of the six regulations currently under
>consideration
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>Respectfully,
>
>Ted Williams
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>Ted Williams
>tedewilliams@earthlink.net

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: mary jane
To: relate0@lycos.com
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 6:34 PM
Subject: FCC deregulating for corporate not public benefits

TO: all commissioners @
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

To FCC Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Copps, Mr. Adelstein, Martin, Abernathy, snf
To Media David Westin, ABC News Pres., Neil Shapiro NBC News Pres., Andrew Hayward CBS News Pres., Walter Issacson CNN News Pres., John Moody Sr VP News Fox, and all local Tv channels, & 14 selected radio stations in Los Angeles.

WE the people, commission the FCC [commission] to act in our behalf.
It appears that there is little or no place for public discussion and very limited information being disseminated about the closing up into BIG conglomerate companies taking over and controlling our press & news.

This is scary, reminding us of all the criticisms Americans make of totalitarian regimes make over their media, and here it is happening too.
Good journalism and the public's NEED TO KNOW more than just a few limited-slanted viewpoints requires, more competition and openness of media to a BALANCED POINTs OF VIEW, not even just 2 opposing views.

We must return to our prior useful and more open-minded and informing the whole USA population thru the FAIRNESS DOCTRINE that was abolished, leaving us poorer and uninformed. We need more balanced and varied views, information, news, to have a fair exposition of all issues, not even just the few major controversial ones that are sensational. Details are what make legal cases and rules effective. Details are hidden, covered-up, distorted and sloughed off by those who want their preferred opinions to be presented as the ONLY news sent on all airwaves, TV, radio, internet, and printed materials also.

We also need for the BROADBAND INTERNET SYSTEM to be OPEN and not a closed system, going the way of TV into vertical corporated integrated systems. The public must have the freedoms the words we use claim - FREEDOM to know and to think for ourselves, or be servants of those who buy advertising/propaganda/biased-psuedo-"news" and present it as "this is the news for today", when it is intended to create consumerism of their products, to create fear and emotional insecurity, and to create "the stupid masses" who do their bidding and allow not a majority but a few to hold social power.

NO MORE VERTICAL INTEGRATION please ! No more media conglomerations. No relaxing of the prior protective of the public interest rules. The major [is it only 6 now ?] conglomerated merged clumped companies have way too much power over what is exposed, heard, seen, known to the Americans and even oversea populations right now. That is an abuse of our "free" system, which is no longer open nor free, but very costly to our rights to know and thus rights to vote intelligently and to purchase with full knowledge of what we are buying.

Knowledge is power, say the libraries. And Impotence of the USA public is already notable, created by control of information, secrecy and hidden agendas, hidden abuses within companies [until they collapse and then maybe we learn some of what has been colluding against our public welfare] and what they who own the media " only want us to know".

This is not America, as we define it and claim it, but how we have devolved. Please DO NOT CONTINUE THIS PATH INTO IGNORANCE.

We need PUBLIC EXPOSURE, DISCUSSION, PARTICIPATION to encourage more voting, more interest in government and business, more joining into this so-called democracy, but free-balanced-fair information is the first step towards eliciting PUBLIC INTEREST and empowerment.

DO NOT ALLOW CONSOLIDATION OF THE MEDIA and DISMANTLE THE PRIOR CLUMPING, COLLUDING AND DENYING THE PUBLIC OF the varied views, opinions, collected information by journalists and others. Do NOT let the prior rules be relaxed, In fact, deregulation should go back with much more the public's government oversight and knowing what media buddies are intending and doing with OUR AIRWAVES. THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, not to any profitmaking group that is claiming it and making money on our property.

I herewith seriously request that the new proposed deregulatory rules be dismissed and refused, so there is no further damage of consolidating OUR media, our freedoms, our being fully informed of all versions available. Do not allow further swallowing up of competition and diversity. Keep Independent Press and variety of information accessible and available to all of us ! Unmerge what has already clumped and stumped us by limiting our access to know from a 'free press'. We need LOCAL INPUT as well, that is untied to conglomerates, advertisers. Please let me know your actions in response to our urgent requests. We are diverse and proud of it and need to affirm our differences. Thank you.

Mary Joy

Los Angeles CA 90025

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From: Railtrue@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 10:51 PM
Subject: Please Read!

Most likely you will never read this e-mail, but I am concerned for free speech here in America. If this bill goes through allowing companies to own more than two stations in a market, I will be so disheartened by the state of our country. The media thrives on a system of checks and balances produced by added competition. By allowing corporate giants to grow fat and greedy by shutting down or owning more than one station or voice in a community, you are relegating this country to a media that will soon be owned by lobbyists and government officials who will have the means to cover up scandal and lies to the public. Fewer media voices will not be good for any common American citizen! I just can't believe this! Please don't allow this bill to pass! Please protect our freedom of voice! It is our constitutional right! This is nothing short of a monopoly! What country do I live in? I'm beginning to wonder! But I will practice my freedom to voice my opinion in the next election, by not voting for any member of congress who supports this bill! I am non-partisan, and I am not alone. I, along with millions of other concerned Americans, will be watching closely.

Sincerely,
Holly N. Roehl
A Concerned & Proud American Citizen